

SPARKS FLY IN THE FINALS!

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THE final round for men's singles honors in the Club Championship tennis tourney found J. C. Parrish, Jr., and R. Adams Balfe once more opposing each other, and as per expectation, the sparks flew! ¶ Parrish pulled the first set out of the fire by 7-5, but the reaction was a 2-6 loss. Then Balfe slumped for a 6-1 failure only to rally for a 2-6 win; surrendering the trophy with the score reversed in the decisive set.

Parrish found S. L. R. Rosseau a bit troublesome in the semi-final, winning by 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; while Balfe recorded 6-2, 6-2 over D. S. Ward; Stephen Gates, C. R. Anderson, E. R. Underwood and Andri Pearson advancing for the second round.

In doubles, Balfe and Underwood scored a rapid fire 6-0, 6-1, 6-2 victory over Parrish and Gates; Rosseau and Anderson, and Krueger and Pearson, the other contestants.

Mixed doubles proved as popular as ever, Mr. Gates and Miss Helen Barnett winning a 6-4, 9-7 final victory from Mr. Parrish and Miss Eleanor Gates. ¶ In the semi-final the winners were 6-0, 6-4 in play with Mr. Balfe and Miss Hazel Treat, while the losers won from Mr. H. C. Krueger and Miss Dorothy Krueger by 6-4, 7-5. ¶ Mr. Pearson and Miss Farrington, and Mr. Potter and Miss Croft lost in opening play.

Miss Gates and Miss Barnett advance to play for the women's singles trophy, the former scoring a clean-cut 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 victory. ¶ In the previous round Miss Gates won by 7-5, 6-2 from Miss Florence Croft, and Miss Barnett by 8-6, 11-9 from Miss Margaret Ramsdell. ¶ Miss Treat, Miss Root, Miss Krueger, Miss Farrington, Miss Treat, Miss Brownell and the Misses Ramsdell figured only in preliminary play.

HISTORIC ARGONNE FOREST

Rich in Military History is This
Narrow, Rock Bound Belt

The National Geographic Society thus describes the Argonne Forest, one of the most hotly contested pieces of battle ground in all the theatres of the present war: ¶ "The Argonne Forest is a ragged knot of low mountains, sharp, rocky and deeply cleft. This forest lies across the path of the Lorraine passes into France. It stretches from the southwest to the northwest for a distance of 30 miles, generally parallel to the French German boundary, though well within French territory, and varies in width from one to eight miles. It lies between the sources of the Aisne on the East and the River Aire, on the West. The railway from Metz to Chalons and Paris runs through one of its sharp-hewn passes.

'This narrow, rock-bound tangled forest belt is rich in military history. Its

exceedingly difficult paths have several times stopped the foreign invader, and the Frenchman, with a somewhat warm stretch of fancy, has called it the French Thermopylae. While no such tragic 'last stand' has yet been made within its area as that which consecrated the Grecian pass, one of the holiest natural monuments of history, its defiles have been the theatres of several famous military operations, among them the Battle of Valmy.

"On this battlefield, the French, with 96,000 raw, undisciplined, unconfident conscripts opposed on September 20, 1792, in the wonderfully contorted passes of the Argonne, 160,000 Austrian Imperialists and Prussians, who had been pursuing an easy course into France, and victory remained with the French, a victory followed by the proclamation of the Republic.

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